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SUBJECT: GRAIN AND OIL AGREEMENTS WITH USSR; SPAIN'S
DESIRE FOR SEAT AT PC CONFERENCE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY APPRECIATES
USG GESTURE OF INFORMING GOS RE GRAIN AND OIL AGREEMENTS
WITH USSR. SPAIN HOPES OBTAIN ONE OF THE EIGHT INDUSTRIAL-
IZED COUNTRY SEATS AT FORTHCOMING PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE.
REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR REPLY TO POSSIBLE SPANISH REQUEST FOR
SUPPORT OF ITS BID TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY

2. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE VERBALE CONVEYING ANNOUNCEMENT SET
FORTH REFTEL TO CHAVARRI, SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL OF MULTILATERAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT HAD NO
SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE.

3. CHAVARRI THEN TOOK ADVANTAGE PRESENCE OF EMBOFF TO
MENTION SPAIN'S HOPE FOR ONE OF THE EIGHT INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRY PLACES AT THE SECOND PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE IN
DECEMBER. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE ENVISAGED TWO POSSIBLE
DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE EIGHT SEATS TO GO TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE UK OBTAINS THE SEAT OF
ITS OWN IT IS NOW CLAIMING.

4. IN THE EVENT THE UK DOES NOT SUCCEED IN ATTENDING THE
CONFERENCE ON ITS OWN, CHAVARRI THOUGHT THAT FOUR OF THE
EIGHT SEATS WOULD GO ALMOST CERTAINLY TO THE USA, JAPAN, THE
EEC, AND CANDADA. ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING FOUR, IN HIS VIEW,
WOULD BE LESS EASY TO PREDICT, BUT MOST LIKELY, THERE WOULD
BE A GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. CHAVARRI THOUGHT AUSTRALIA
WOULD REPRESENT THE PACIFIC AREA (AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND),
WHILE THE NORTHERN AREA OF EUROPE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY
SWEDEN. THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE COULD
BE REPRESENTED BY SWITZERLAND OR AUSTRIA. FINALLY, CHAVARRI
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE NON-EEC MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
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(GREECE, TURKEY, SPAIN PORTUGAL) WOULD MAKE THE OTHER LOGICAL
GROUPING. HE ADDED THAT THE GOS, IN SPITE OF HAVING CONSULTED
US, UK, FRANCE, THE OECD, GERMANY AND IEA SECRETARIAT ABOUT
ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, HAD NOT ASKED EITHER GREECE, TRUKEY,
OR PROTRUGAL WHETHER THEY WANTED SPAIN TO REPRESENT THEM.

5. ASSUMPTION BEHIND FOREGOING LINEUP WAS THAT UK WOULD
NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE INDEPENDENTLY. HE STATED THAT GOS

OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM MATTERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE UK WILL GET ITS OWN SEAT. BUT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT IT DOES, THEY BELIEVE THAT FRANCE, GERMANY, AND ITALY WILL INSIST ON A SEAT OF THEIR OWN AND THAT THE BENELUX NATIONS WILL INSIST ON ONE SEAT FOR THE THREE OF THEM. HE THOUGHT THE SEATS FOR THE US, UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, AND JAPAN WOULD BE VIRTUALLY ASSURED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT CANADA WOULD HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF GETTING THE SEVENTH SEAT, WHILE THE EIGHTH WOULD GO EITHER TO THE BENELUX THREE, OR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

6. WHILE CHAVARRI DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SOLICIT US SUPPORT FOR SELECTION OF SPAIN TO REPRESENT "INDUSTRIALIZED" MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AT CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE, FACT THAT HE RAISED SUBJECT SUGGESTS THAT GOS MAY WELL DO SO. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR REPLY SHOULD SPAIN FORMALLY REQUEST US SUPPORT.

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